

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are now in the application, of which Claims 1-10 and 17-19 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claim 20 has been added to assure Applicants of a full measure of protection of the scope to which he deems himself entitled. Claim 20 is believed to fall within both Groups I and III, and thus to link those two inventions.

Claims 11, 15, 16 and 20, of the claims under consideration, are independent.

The title has been amended to make it more descriptive, as required in the Office Action.

The specification and abstract have been carefully reviewed and amended as to matters of form. A Request for Approval of Drawing Changes is submitted herewith, in response to the objections to the drawings set out in paragraph of the Office Action. The drawing objections noted in the form PTO-948 attached to the Office Action will be tended to at such time as this application may be passed to issue.

Claims 11-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,828,466 (Imai et al.).

Independent Claim 11 is directed to a data processing apparatus that comprises a connector, arranged to be connected to a peripheral apparatus such as a printer unit for printing an image, and a print data generator, arranged to generate printing data for causing the peripheral apparatus to perform printing. The apparatus is also provided with a data processor, arranged to process the printing data generated by the print data generator into data to be processed by a unit other than the printer unit of the peripheral apparatus

connected via the connector. A data transferor is arranged to transfer the processed data to the peripheral apparatus via the connector. Also, according to Claim 11, the data processor generates information that is added to the printing data, the added information being such that the peripheral apparatus, if properly programmed, upon receiving the printing data with the added information, will print the printing data, without printing the added information.

Imai relates to an apparatus that receives a facsimile signal through a line, and stores the received image data in an image memory, and also records the image on a recording medium after reducing the data. An interface provides connection to an external unit, such as a PC, permitting image data from the PC to be stored and recorded. The PC can be used to designate given image data, and if this is done, the designated data is retained after recording. The apparatus includes a facsimile unit 1 (Fig. 1A), as well as a printer unit 2 (Fig. 1B). The MPU 101 of the facsimile unit is cited in the Office Action as corresponding to the recited data processor. Even if the MPU 101 is deemed to process printing data from the reading unit 105 into data to be processed by a unit other than the printer unit 2, Applicants submit that nothing about the MPU 101, and nothing else in *Imai*, would teach or suggest a data processor that, as recited in Claim 1, generates information that is added to the printing data, the added information being such that a properly-programmed peripheral apparatus, upon receiving the printing data with the added information, will print the printing data, without printing the added information. For at least that reason, it is believed clear that Claim 11 is allowable over *Imai*.

Independent Claims 15 and 16 are method and computer memory medium claims respectively corresponding to apparatus Claim 11, and are believed to be patentable for at least the same reasons as discussed above in connection with Claim 11.

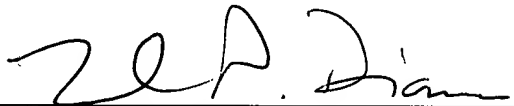
A review of the other art of record has failed to reveal anything which, in Applicants' opinion, would remedy the deficiencies of the art discussed above, as a reference against the independent claims under consideration. Those claims are therefore believed patentable over the art of record.

The other rejected claims in this application are each dependent from one or another of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO CLAIMS

11. (Amended) A data processing apparatus comprising:

a connector, arranged to be connected to a peripheral apparatus such as a printer unit for printing an image;

a print data generator, arranged to generate printing data for causing the peripheral apparatus connected via said connector to perform printing;

a data processor, arranged to process[ing] the printing data generated by said print data generator into data to be processed by a unit other than the printer unit of the peripheral apparatus connected via said connector; and

a data transferor, arranged to transfer the data processed by said data processor to the peripheral apparatus via said connector,

wherein said data processor generates information that is added to the printing data, the added information being such that the peripheral apparatus, if properly programmed, upon receiving the printing data with the added information, will print the printing data, without printing the added information.

15. (Amended) A method for controlling a data processing apparatus

connectable to a peripheral apparatus including a printer unit for printing an image, said method comprising:

a generation step₁ of generating printing data for causing the peripheral apparatus to perform printing;

a processing step₁ of processing the generated printing data into data to be processed by a unit other than the printer unit of the peripheral apparatus; and

a transfer step₁ of transferring the processed data to the peripheral apparatus,

wherein said processing step includes generating information that is added to the printing data, the added information being such that the peripheral apparatus, if properly programmed, upon receiving the printing data with the added information, will print the printing data, without printing the added information.

16. (Amended) A storage medium, capable of being read by a computer, storing a program for controlling a data processing apparatus connectable to a peripheral apparatus including a printer unit for printing an image, said program comprising:

a generation step₁ of generating printing data for causing the peripheral apparatus to perform printing;

a processing step₁ of processing the generated printing data into data to be processed by a unit other than the printer unit of the peripheral apparatus; and

a transfer step₁ of transferring the processed data to the peripheral apparatus,

wherein said processing step includes generating information that is added to the printing data, the added information being such that the peripheral apparatus, if properly programmed, upon receiving the printing data with the added information, will print the printing data, without printing the added information.

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO SPECIFICATION

The Title of the Invention section starting at page 1, line 3 and ending at page 1, line 4 has been amended as follows.

[DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS, AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING
THE SAME] PRINTING FROM A PC USING THE PRINTER UNIT OF A FACSIMILE
MACHINE